## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FERTILITY SERVICES?

We provide fertility evaluation, management, and treatment services to Veterans who are enrolled and eligible for VA health care. You may receive fertility services regardless of service connection, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship, or marital status.



## Women Veterans Call Center

The Women Veterans Call Center (WVCC) is your guide to VA. All calls are answered by women, many of whom are Veterans themselves, who will help you navigate VA, answer your questions about VA services and benefits available to you, and connect you with the Women Veterans Program Manager at your local VA medical center. This service is free, and you can call as many times as you need.

Call or text us at 855-VA-WOMEN (855-829-6636).

WVCC representatives are available Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET.

You can also chat with us online and learn more by visiting https://www.womenshealth.va.gov



## **Am I Eligible for VA Health Care?**

Everyone's situation is unique and so is their eligibility. To find out if you are eligible to enroll, visit https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility

# **Apply Online or By Mail**

Go to https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply

# **Apply in Person**

Visit the nearest VA medical center or clinic. You can locate your nearest VA health facility at https://www.va.gov/find-locations

# **Apply by Phone**

To apply for VA benefits you may have earned—such as preventative care, inpatient and urgent care services—call 1-877-222-8387

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET. Veterans Benefits Administration 1-800-827-1000 www.vba.va.gov

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# **WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE**

# FERTILITY SERVICES



# VA FERTILITY & FAMILY-BUILDING SERVICES

















If you are having challenges building your family, you are not alone. At VA, we understand that trying to build your family can place stress on you and your relationships. We are here to support you. VA covers a wide range of fertility treatments, procedures, and services.

# WHAT IS INFERTILITY?

Infertility is being unable to get pregnant, but it may be different for different groups of people. For couples in opposite-sex relationships, infertility means not being able to get pregnant after 12 months of regular, unprotected sexual intercourse. Other Veterans, including single people and people in same-sex relationships, may not have a diagnosis of infertility, but may need help building their families. VA is here to support all Veterans.



# WHAT FERTILITY SERVICES DOES VA PROVIDE?

We offer a range of services to help Veterans build their families. Fertility services available through VA include:

- · Fertility assessments and counseling
- Laboratory tests, including genetic counseling and testing
- Imaging services, such as ultrasounds and X-rays
- Hormone therapies
- Surgical correction (e.g., treatment of endometriosis, fibroids, varicocele, or Peyronie's disease)
- · Fertility medications
- Intrauterine insemination (i.e., artificial insemination)
- Tubal ligation reversal
- · Vasectomy reversal
- Oocyte cryopreservation (egg freezing) and sperm cryopreservation for medical reasons, such as before cancer treatment or gender-affirming therapy for transgender Veterans
- Sperm retrieval techniques (including sperm washing for intrauterine insemination)



If you have a service-connected condition that causes infertility, you and your spouse may be eligible for infertility treatment, including in vitro fertilization (IVF) and other forms of assisted reproductive technology (ART). Eligibility criteria are set by law, and eligibility for these services include:

- · Veteran must have infertility
- Veteran must have either a service-connected condition that causes their infertility or infertility that results from treatment for a service-connected condition
- Veteran and their spouse must be legally married
- Veteran or their spouse must be able to produce sperm (or have their own cryopreserved sperm)
- Veteran or their spouse must have an intact uterus and can produce eggs (or have their own cryopreserved eggs or ovarian tissue)

It is important to note: A couple is ineligible for service-connected infertility services if they need donor eggs, donor sperm, donor embryos, or surrogacy (pregnancy in which a person with a uterus carries and gives birth to a baby for another person).

Veterans who are eligible for service-connected infertility services may also be eligible to receive an adoption reimbursement benefit of up to \$2,000 per adopted child, with maximum reimbursement of \$5,000 in any calendar year for adopting multiple children.